

House Resolution No. 485

Whereas, it is with profound sadness that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its legislative activities in order to note the passing of an esteemed Show-Me State public safety officer who lost his life in the line of duty; and

Whereas, Missouri State Highway Patrol Trooper Kelly L. Poynter was born on the festive winter holiday of December Twenty-fifth, 1974, in the south central Missouri community of Lebanon, which welcomed him with open arms and enjoyed watching him commit himself wholeheartedly to a course of study which resulted in his graduation from Lebanon R-III Senior High School in 1993; and

Whereas, following the completion of his secondary education, Kelly Poynter continued to apply himself diligently to make the most of his educational opportunities and earn an Associate of Arts degree in criminal justice from Mineral Area College and then successfully make his way through the Missouri State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy in 1996; and

Whereas, proudly donning the blue uniform of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Trooper Kelly Poynter was first assigned to Troop G, Zone 4, in Carter County, and was subsequently transferred to Troop G, Zone 2, in Houston; and

Whereas, on January 18, 2002, Trooper Kelly Poynter was fulfilling his sworn duties and responsibilities as a law enforcement officer by coming to the assistance of individuals involved in a traffic crash on U.S. Highway 63 two miles south of Houston when he was struck and killed by a drunk driver; and

Whereas, the twenty-second member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to be killed while on duty, Trooper Poynter leaves behind his loving wife, Alison, and their two small children whose grief at this terrible loss in their lives can be tenderly assuaged by remembering the utmost care and professionalism with which their loved one conducted himself in his daily endeavors:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to salute the late Kelly Poynter and to convey this legislative body's sincerest condolences to his surviving family members, many friends, and colleagues as they quietly preserve in their hearts and in their minds the light and warmth with which he so generously touched their lives while on this most precious earth; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of Trooper Kelly Poynter of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Offered by _____
Representative Don Koller
District No. 153

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 485, adopted February 26, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker